

May 30th

C. F. Abyssinian Expedition.

Dear Col

The Pirate bearer of this letter is supposed to also hand over to you 30 thalers. I am extremely glad you did not ask for more for money is becoming a bit scarce in Gato Valley once more. If you need any more send to Bradley as he is the moneyed man of the party just now.

In answer to your question about box of birds, if you send it back with Mules I see no reason why it can't go to Addis with

the other boxes & bags that
are here. I suppose these
will be stored at the
Fitorario until Negro
returns then he will have
to see to their transportation
to the Abyssinian Capital.
The more the merrier Col
So send it on.

Col I have had the devil
of a time trying to pacify
Pete after he heard that
you called him a Civet
Cat. He says that if there is
one thing on this earth
that he despises its a
Civet Cat so you can
see what trouble your

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little caused. Time is a
great healer as you know
so I trust by the time he
sees you he will have
forgotten all about this
horrible insult.

Twenty-two loads are
leaving there in A.M. with
a balance of about 16 more
that are to come next week
that is "if I live" as Jama
says.

I have you heard anything
as to the whereabouts of one
Childs Trick, leader of the

Childs Frick Abyssinian
Expedition?

Hoping your ~~there~~
affection is rapidly becoming
a thing of the past & that
you are well in ^{all other} parts I
remain

Yours etc
D. S. R.

P.S. To-day being Decoration Day
I suppose your military
spirits asserted themselves
in a proper & dignified
manner showing tribute
to the heroes who fought & bled
& died so that our great country
might remain a unit
(How that for a Gettysburg address C.A.)

18th

Archie.

Wm. L. U. Mearns.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you 6 camels
(being) to work between P. U. M. &
Tertale. I am sending three
Somalis in charge of these
camels, to whom I have paid
ration money until the 26th
inclusive.

I think give them 2 men
to be left in charge of a tiff they
bring to Tertale.

If you have sent on those
6 Somalis for stick asked for,
I have given the camel men
instructions if they should meet

them on the way to take two
of them back with them, as I
am afraid some will be very
short handed.

— On the other hand there
being no regular force in the moun-
tains, I will send two of them to
Tertale to remain in charge.

Under no circumstances
will ever send the staff down
alone in Tertale.

These are Mr Smith's
positive orders to me.

Hoping you are in the
pink of condition, I have been getting
hell both from Mr Frick and these
damned Hubash Camel Chiefs.

I shall be very glad when this job
here is finished. Yours truly
A. Bradley

P.S. Dear Colonel please see that the
men that are to remain in Tertale,
have a tent or some kind of
covering for the baggage that
is brought on there.

Kind regards.

Yours etc.

A.B.

Dear Colonel:

The thought of lying in a small tent
lunch with us today on account of fog or
something - so we will call of the big
meal till another time. I am sending

Jama out to you & wish you would

look him over very carefully - he
wants to get Adam blood him!! I

think he is badly constipated, & he has
been here since our arrival here.

Am also expecting to send you wood, glue,
plates, cups, vegetables, & my tent (you
don't need to put up a cot).

(over)

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Please send it the interpreter, Maria. I may
be able to return him to you tomorrow.

Yours,
C. F.

P.S. Give Oscar a receipt for the note
& note time received. C. F.

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